

THE KING'S HOSPITAL

HELP WITH FEES

Secondary Education Grants

Families domiciled in the Republic of Ireland, where a child is a member of a Protestant denomination, may qualify for a means-tested grant, which will be paid directly to the school. At the present time about 20% of our pupils qualify. The size of the grant varies according to means. Application is normally made not later than February in any year for the school year commencing in the following September. Applications should be addressed to "The Secretary, Secondary Education Committee, 15 Belgrave Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6". In the case of new parents the school will normally send out application forms when they become available – usually in December each year.

- a) While parents are asked to make a full disclosure of their financial circumstances, this is confidential to the Grants Committee only. No other person has access to, or sees, this information.

- b) A fresh application must be made every year.

Help Given By The School

- a) **Scholarships** – As awarded annually on the results of the scholarship and entrance examination.

- b) **Entrance Bursaries** – 2 Boarding (€5,750.00 each) and 2 Day (€1,400.00 each). These are awarded at entrance on the basis of serious parental need.

- c) **Paterson Bursaries** – Each year one or more girls may qualify for a Paterson Bursary. These are awarded at entrance on the basis of serious parental need. (Application procedure as for Entrance Bursary)

- d) **Children of Clergy of the Church of Ireland** – The children of Church of Ireland clergy automatically qualify for a discount which approximates to 33.3% of fees (Canon Gibson Bursaries).

- e) **Special Bursaries** – The school will always try to help families who run into unexpected financial difficulties while their children are at school, subject to finance available. The school relies heavily on earnings from letting school premises during holiday periods to provide such assistance. Application in such cases may be made either to the Headmaster or to the Bursar.

- f) **Discounts** – Where there are two children of the same family at the school, the second child qualifies for a discount of 5%. A third child would qualify for a discount of 10%.

Other Sources Of Financial Help

There are a number of Trust Funds which may, in suitable cases, give help with school fees:

It is a matter for parents to decide whether they should apply directly or in consultation with the school. It can be helpful, however, if the school knows the circumstances and is able to support the application. There are also various other funds, but they relate in some cases to specific groups such as 'clergy' or 'orphans' or to specific areas of the country.

One should always try to apply well in advance of the school year in question as these funds have many calls upon them for help.

The Bursar will be very glad to help and advise parents as regards the above matters at any time.

Options Available for Payment of Fees

Fees are due for payment on the first day of each term unless special arrangements are agreed in advance with the Bursar. However, we have developed a number of options to assist parents in coping with the onerous burden of fees. It is possible that one of these options might be worth exploring.

Option 1 – Direct Debit

Direct Debit mandate whereby fees may be paid termly i.e. 1st September, 1st January & 1st April or by eight instalments i.e. 1st September – 1st April incl. Failure to meet monthly or termly payments when due will mean that all fees due to date will become payable immediately.

Option 2 – Discount on Fees

Parents, or other relatives, who are in a position to do so may pay basic fees to the school for the full school year at the beginning of term in September. This will give rise to a discount on the basic fees at a rate of 1% over the small deposit rate applied by the banks at the time. Extras and incidental items could be dealt with on an estimated basis for the year, added to the bill, and a balancing payment or refund made at the end of the school year in June. There is no discount on extras.

Option 3 – Discount Fees: Advance Capital Payments

Where a parent may be in a position to make an advance payment of a number of years' fees, a discount, more favourable than the deposit rate available on a comparable sum, may be negotiated. The Bursar will be happy to discuss this option with any parent interested.

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